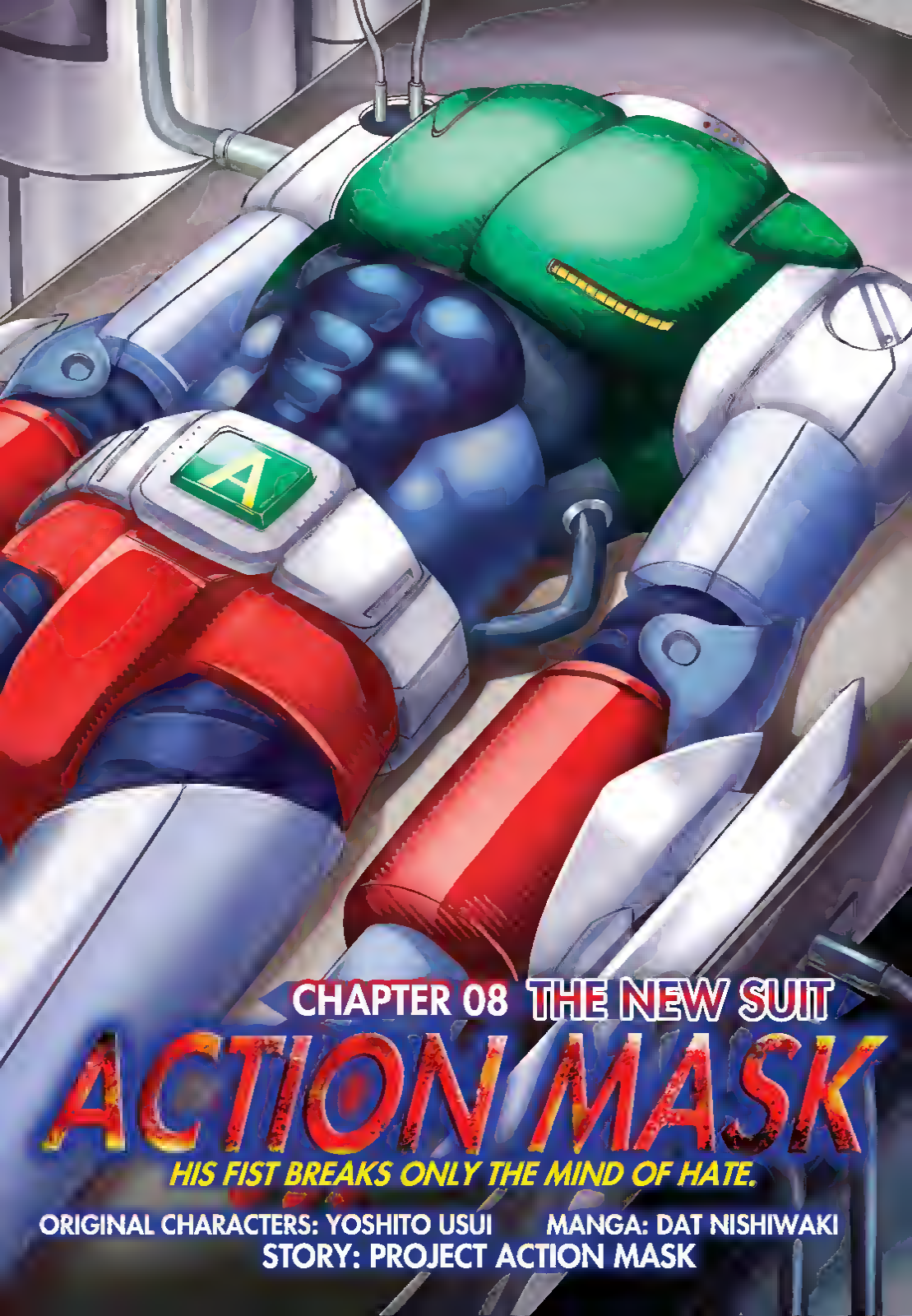
FUKIAGE!
FUUU-KIII-
AH-GEEEH!


CHAPTER 08 THE NEW SUIT
ACTION MASK
HIS FIST BREAKS ONLY THE MIND OF HATE.
ORIGINAL CHARACTERS: YOSHITO USUI
MANGA: DAT NISHIWAKI
STORY: PROJECT ACTION MASK

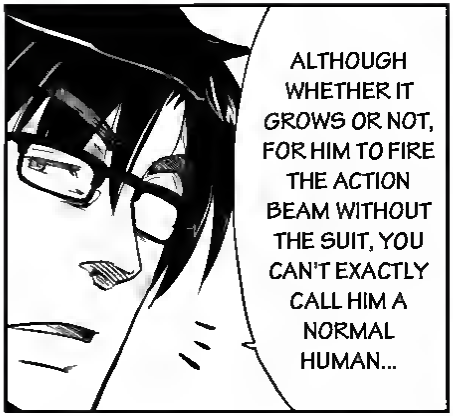
BACK ISSUES COMING SOON TO CRUNCHYROLL!
UPGRADED VERSION!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, ATTACHING THAT KIND OF WEAPON TO THE NEW SUIT?!

ACTION MASK DOESN'T NEED ATTACK POWER!
I TOLD YOU IT NEEDS DEFENSE!
JUST HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THIS JOB, YOU IDIOT?!
...I UNDER-STOOD YOU.

BEEP
I BOOSTED ITS DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES, JUST AS YOU ASKED.
SEE THIS CHART?
IN SPITE OF BEING LIGHTER, IT'S NOW THREE TIMES MORE POWERFUL, AND THE JOINTS USE MORE FLEXIBLE MATERIALS, MAKING MOVEMENT EASIER.
BUT HERE'S THE AMAZING PART.
USING A SPECIALIZED MATERIAL THAT RETAINS THE SUIT'S STRUCTURE IN ITS MEMORY, MINOR DAMAGE WILL NOW AUTOMATICALLY REPAIR ITSELF.
AND LOOK AT THIS AS WELL.
POWER-ASSIST FUNCTIONS FROM THE WAIST TO THE ARMS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. GOU CAN NOW LIFT UP TO TWO TONS ON HIS OWN.
THE POWER CABLE'S EXPOSED, BUT I THINK THIS'LL MAKE THE SUIT EVEN MORE COOL AND HEROIC.

SHUT THE HELL UP!
SHUT UP... SHUT UP...
"WE"?
YOU'LL REMOVE IT FOR THE FINISHED VERSION, GOT IT?
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE DAMN WEAPON!
I'M TELLING YOU, IT GOES AGAINST WHAT WE BELIEVE IN!
DON'T YOU THINK SO?
IT'S TRUE THAT ABK IS THE ACTION MASK... OR RATHER, AKB GOES ALONG WITH GOU'S BELIEF OF "NON-AGGRESSION." BUT THAT BELIEF IS NO LONGER SUSTAINABLE.

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING...?
THE SPROUT MASK INCIDENT WENT JUST FINE.
WITH ALL THOSE VICTIMS, CAN YOU REALLY CALL IT "JUST FINE"?
I WAS A VICTIM OF DARK MASK AT THE SCHOOL MYSELF...
IF NON-VIOLENCE SOLVED ANYTHING, I'D PREFER THAT.
BUT IDEALISM DOESN'T WORK IN A REAL FIGHT.
THAT FEAR, AND PAIN...


ALTHOUGH WHETHER IT GROWS OR NOT, FOR HIM TO FIRE THE ACTION BEAM WITHOUT THE SUIT, YOU CAN'T EXACTLY CALL HIM A NORMAL HUMAN...

FIRST OFF, ISN'T GOU'S "NON-AGGRESSION" JUST THERE SO HE DOESN'T GIVE IN TO HATE, AND TRIGGER THE SEED WITHIN HIM TO GROW?

YOU STUPID DICK!

AND WE'LL SUPPORT HIM.
THAT'S OUR MISSIO--ABK'S MISSION.

WE'LL BELIEVE IN GOU.
LOOK, FUKIAGE!

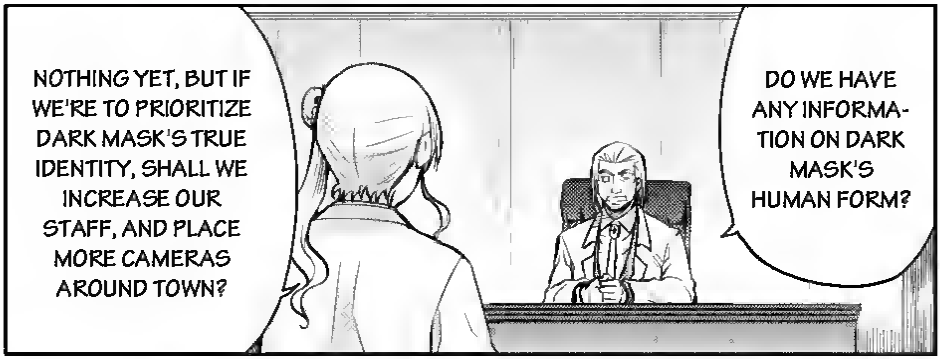
MIMI-SAN, YOU'RE WEARING AN AWFUL LOT OF MAKEUP TODAY, AREN'T YOU?
?!
...HEH.
AH HAH, I SEE.
WELL, GOU IS COMING IN FOR A FITTING TODAY, AFTER ALL.
...!
SHHHAA
...SHEE-SH.
FUKIAGE REALLY COMES UP WITH SOME CRAZY STUFF...

SHFF
GLANCE
SHWAA
FLIP
DR. HANNOU
HEAD OF
ENGINEERING

WELL, GOU.
HOW'RE YOU FEELING?
KCHAK
SAME AS USUAL, REALLY.
CREAK
GLANCE
IT'S BELIEVED THAT HUMANS TRANSFORM INTO THESE KAIJIN WHEN THE SEEDS TRANSPLANTED WITHIN REACT TO HATRED AND BEGIN TO SPROUT.
...BEFORE WE TRY FITTING THE NEW SUIT ON YOU, WE NEED TO CONFIRM OUR STRATEGY FOR HERE ON OUT.
WE ALSO KNOW THAT KAIJIN EXIST WHICH CAN TRANSPLANT THESE SEEDS INTO PEOPLE.

THAT'S DARK MASK, YES?
BUT BESIDES THE INCIDENT AT THE SCHOOL, THERE'VE BEEN NO EYEWITNESS REPORTS OF IT AT ANY OF THE CRIME SCENES.
WE'VE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT DARK MASK CAN EXTRACT SEEDS, AS WELL AS PLANT THEM.
WE'RE JUST GUESSING, BUT THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE THAT DARK MASK TYPICALLY MASQUERADES AS A REGULAR HUMAN.
CLENCH
AS WE'VE DONE BEFORE, WE CAN ONLY TAKE ON THESE KAIJIN ONE-BY-ONE AND USE THE ACTION BEAM TO REVERT THEM TO NORMAL.
HRM.
BUT WHILE WE CAN ERASE THE SEEDS, WE CAN'T PULL THEM OUT.

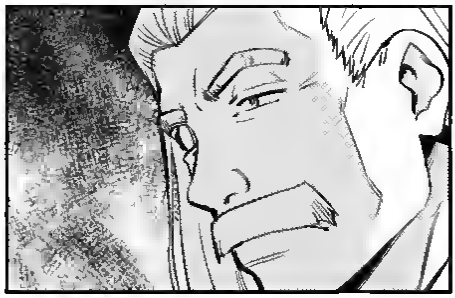
SO GOU OPENS DIALOGUE TO CONVINCE THESE KAIJIN, ONE BY ONE, HUH...
IF WE DON'T STOP DARK MASK, WE'LL NEVER SEE THE END OF THIS.

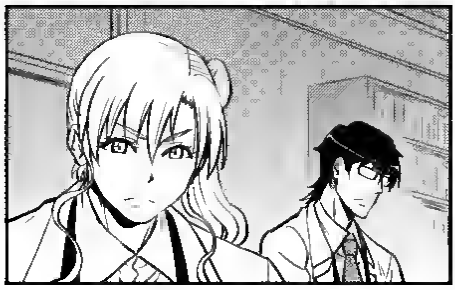

DO WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON DARK MASK'S HUMAN FORM?
NOTHING YET, BUT IF WE'RE TO PRIORITIZE DARK MASK'S TRUE IDENTITY, SHALL WE INCREASE OUR STAFF, AND PLACE MORE CAMERAS AROUND TOWN?

...HEY.

DOES THIS MEAN WE SHOULD JUST FIND THE SEED INSIDE DARK MASK, AND FIRE THE ACTION BEAM INTO IT?

RIGHT NOW, THAT'S ALL WE'VE GOT.





OTHERWISE, WE'VE NOTHING TO GO ON.
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THIS IS...?
IT'S STILL IN THE EXPERI-MENTAL PHASE, BUT IT'S NOT BAD, EH?
ALL RIGHT, GOU. JUST STAND HERE.
LET'S DO THIS! GO ACTION!
GO ACTION!

KA
SHING
WHOA...

IT'D BE BAD NEWS IF YOU COULDN'T MOVE FREELY WITH THE SUIT ON, SO WE'VE LIGHTENED THE LOAD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
UH HUH.
IT'S REALLY LIGHT.
THE SUIT'S MATERIALS ARE REACTING TO YOU.
SHIIIING
HM...
I SEE...
PAL, HOW'S THINGS?
MIMI...
WHAT'S THIS...?
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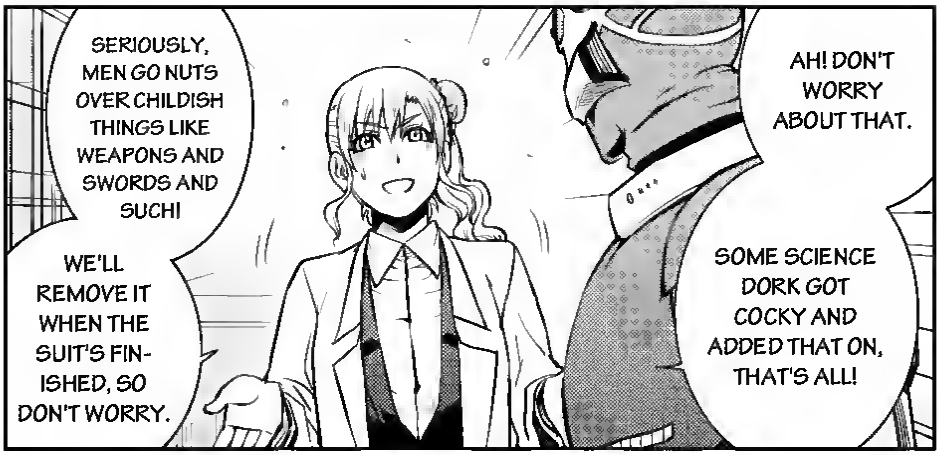
SERIOUSLY, MEN GO NUTS OVER CHILDISH THINGS LIKE WEAPONS AND SWORDS AND SUCH!
WE'LL REMOVE IT WHEN THE SUIT'S FINISHED, SO DON'T WORRY.
AH! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
SOME SCIENCE DORK GOT COCKY AND ADDED THAT ON, THAT'S ALL!

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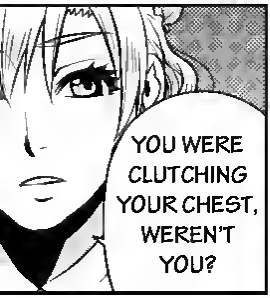
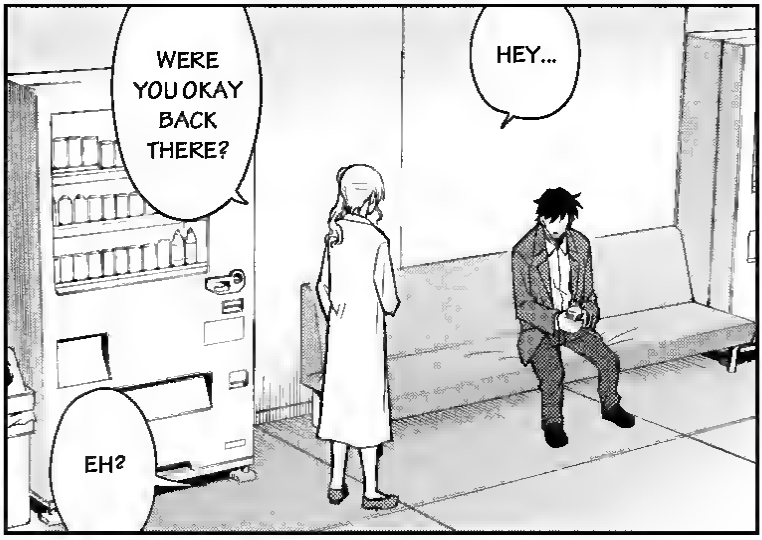

YOU WERE CLUTCHING YOUR CHEST, WEREN'T YOU?

YEAH.


WERE YOU OKAY BACK THERE?
HEY...
EH?

WHEN I FOUGHT SPROUT MASK, THE SEED INSIDE ME ALMOST SPLIT APART.
I WAS THINKING... JUST MAYBE.
BE-SIDES...
HE KNOWS WHO I WAS BEFORE I LOST MY MEMORY.
CLICK
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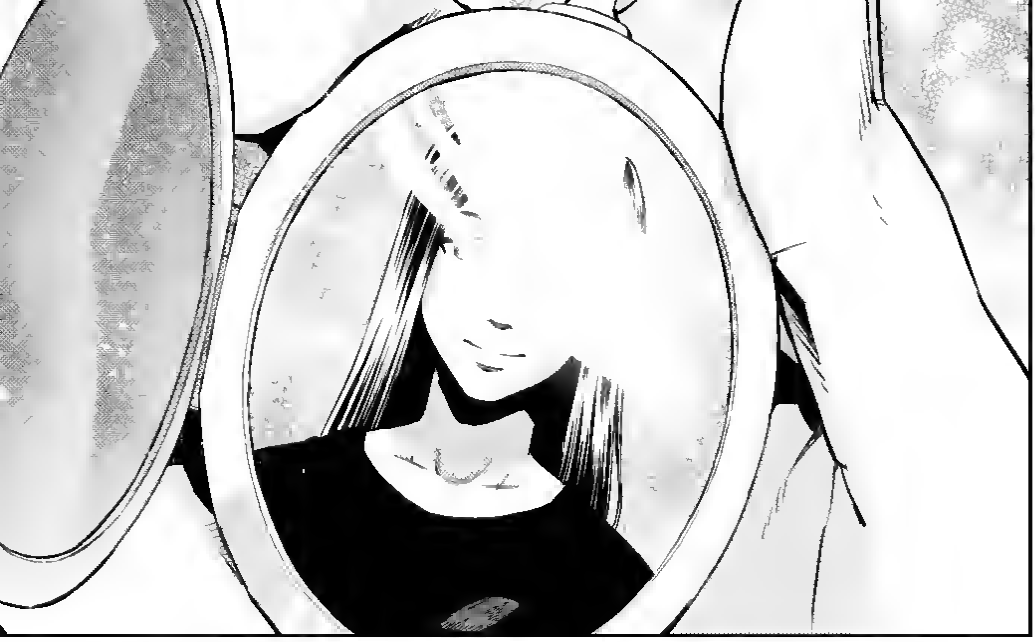
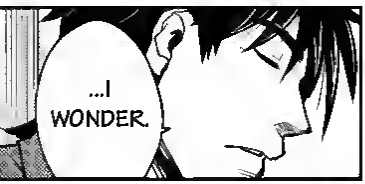
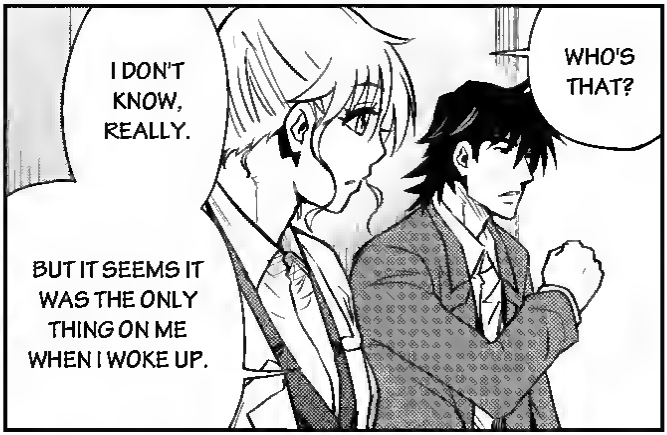
MAYBE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO EXTRACT THE SEED INSIDE ME.



MAYBE A LOVER, OR SOME-THING?


...I WONDER.


WHO'S THAT?
I DON'T KNOW, REALLY.
BUT IT SEEMS IT WAS THE ONLY THING ON ME WHEN I WOKE UP.

SO, SPEAK-ING OF MOVIES.
WANNA CHECK OUT A FLICK WITH ME? IT'LL BE A GOOD CHANGE OF PACE.

SIT
HEH.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOME-THING STRAIGHT OUT OF A MOVIE.
Y'KNOW, LOST MEMO-RIES, THE GIRL IN THE MYSTERI-OUS PHOTO, AND SUCH

W-WELL, SOMETIMES MY FRIEND...
SHE BRINGS ME THESE MOVIE TICK—
BREEPRGEN
...? WELL, SURE.
YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND?
EMERGENCY
EMER-GENCY ALERT!
EMER-GENCY ALERT!
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BREEP
KAIJIN SIGHTED IN NORTHERN-U WARD!
BREEP
INFORMATION
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INFORMATION
KAIJIN SIGHTED IN O WARD!
KAIJIN SIGHTED IN K WARD!

IT CAN'T BE...!
ALL AT ONCE?!
SKUFF
A SIMULTANEOUS KAIJIN SIGHTING?!
WHAT WILL YOU DO, ACTION MASK!!